AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/838,284, filed April 20, 2001, which in turn is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,905, filed September 13, 1999.

Page 5, after line 8, please insert the following paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 depicts results of a first test carried out in a 90/10 heptane/isopropanol mixture.

FIG. 2 depicts a result of a second test carried out in pure chloroform.

FIG. 3 depicts the distribution of balls' diameters.

FIG. 4 depicts results of tests carried out in a 90/10/0.1 heptane/isopropanol/diethylamine mixture.

FIG. 5 depicts a result of a test carried out on indapamide in pure 1,2-dichloroethane at 80°C.

FIG. 6 depicts results of tests carried out in a 90/10 heptane/isopropanol mixture.

FIG. 7 depicts a result of a test carried out in pure chloroform.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

b) c)   The porous supports containing a percentage of less than 80% of compounds of general formulae (Xa) to (Xk) are suspended in organic or aqueous solvents characterized in that they do not solubilize the compounds of general formulae (Xa) to (Xk). These solvents may be, for example, water, linear or branched alkanes or alcohols. The preferred organic solvents are hexane and heptane. The quantity of

solvent relative to the weight of porous support containing the compounds of general

formulae (Xa) to (Xk) is from 1 times to 100 times by volume relative to the support

weight. The preferred quantity is 10 times. The cross-linking agent is then added

with solvent reflux. It is chosen from among the compounds of general formulae

(XIII) or (XIV), the preferred cross-linking agents being ethane-dithiol, butane-

dithiol, 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl disiloxane or 1,1,4,4-tetramethyl disilyl ethylene.

Page 20, the paragraph beginning at page 10, please amend the paragraph as
follows:

The activated derivatives bearing ethylene double bonds are polysaccharides or

oligosaccharides derivatives of the general formulae (Xa) to (Xk):

(Xa)

pullulan

(Xb)

beta-1,4-mannan

beta-2,1-fructan (inulin)

(Xc)

beta-2,1-fructan (inulin)

(Xd)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

cellulose

n

(Xe)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

amylose-cyclodextrin

n

(Xf)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

beta-1,3-glucan curdlan

n

(Xg)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

alpha-1,3-glucan

n

(Xh)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

Chitosan

n

(Xi)

X_1-R_1

R_2-X_2

R_3-X_3

beta-1,2-glucan

n

(Xj)

R_1-X_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

dextran

n

(Xk)

R_2-X_2

X_1-R_1

beta-1,4-xylan

n

(Xj)

R_1-X_1

R_2-X_2

X_3-R_3

dextran

n

(Xk)

R_2-X_2

X_1-R_1

beta-1,4-xylan

n